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Promotion of Handicraft Artisans
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the schemes being implemented for promoting and uplifting handicraft artisans;

(b) the details of the funds provided by the Union Government to the various States under these schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether Union Government proposes to take any steps for providing employment and training to the handicraft artisans of the border States including Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a): The Government implements the "National Handicraft Development Programme [NHDP]" for promotion and upliftment of handicraft artisans in the country. The NHDP has the following components:

I. A. Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojna
I. Dastkar Shashktikaran Yojna.
II. Design & Technology Upgradation
III. Human Resource Development
IV. Direct Benefit to Artisans.
V. Infrastructure and Technology Support.
B. Mega Cluster
II. Marketing Support & Services.
III. Research and Development

(b): The details of funds released to various Implementing Agencies viz State Handicrafts Corporations/Apex Societies/NGOs etc under various schemes during each of the last three years and current year State/UT wise is as per Annexure-A.

(c) & (d): The steps taken for providing employment and training to the handicrafts artisans including the border states and Rajasthan is by way of Implementation of the following component of National Handicraft Development Programme [NHDP].

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